

REMARKS

Claims 2, 11-18, 20-22, 25 and 26 are pending in this application.

In co-pending application 10/764,229, Applicants received an Office Action dated October 27, 2006 indicating that the claims therein were rejected as representing obviousness type double patenting over the instant application. In particular, the Examiner noted that the 12 and 18 species of claim 20 (sic.) of the instant application were the cis and trans species of the compound of claim 30 in co-pending '229. [Note that the species in question are in claim 21, not 20] To remove this issue, applicants have canceled the species in question in the instant application and added them to co-pending '229.

Observe that applicants have made futher amendments to claim 21. In particular, they have added "or a pharmaaceutically acceptable salt thereof" to the end of the claim. Applicants have also corrected the names of the 6th and 16th species from the end of the claim to match that of Example 61, found at page 86 and Example 51, found at page 85. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments do not add new matter. Regarding "or a pharmaecutically acceptable salt thereof", support is found, for example, in original claims 1 and 2 and at pages 15 and 16 of the specification. As mentioned above, the correct names of the species are found in Examples 61 and 51.

Observe also, that "or a pharmaaceutically acceptable salt thereof" has been added to claim 20. For the reasons mentioned above this amendment adds no new matter. Finally, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the fact that in their "Second Preliminary Amendment", they correctly show an amemdment to claim 20 (i.e. removing a dependency) but incorrectly styled the claim as "(Original)" rather than "(Currently amended)".

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Applicants respectfully request early examination of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below, if such would advance the prosecution of this application.

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